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PROVIDING A DISTRIBUTED FILE
SYSTEM UTILIZING METADATA TO
TRACK INFORMATION ABOUT DATA
STORED THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM
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